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18 June 1948

To: [redacted]

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Copies to: 1) [redacted]
2) Mr. Babbitt

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- Enclosed are:
1. List of 43 recently received items in the Russian language.
 2. List of recently received items in the Czech-Slovak, Serbo-Croatian, Polish and Ukrainian languages.
 3. First release of Carnegie Research program entitled: "The Soviet Union in World Affairs, 1948".
 4. Copy of 11 June, 1948 letter to Mr. Babbitt.
 5. Clipping from Palo Alto Times on Stanford Far East program.

Your letter of 20 May was mis-sent by regular mail to Stamford, Connecticut so it was delayed on its way to us. The request for the two Chinese items was taken up with Mrs. [redacted] but she has expressed inability—due to shortage and confusion of help, improper shelving etc—to get around to searching for them within the near future. Consequently, I had to take it up with [redacted] who said he would have them searched for as soon as possible by [redacted].

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The arrangement with Dr. Fisher for more systematic reports of the Far East intake ended in [redacted] request for more specific information on your requirements than the general picture I have given her. This I mentioned also in my last letter which you may have answered by now. As for lists of Stanford acquisitions in all foreign languages, the only languages we are not already watching out for are those of Western Europe and South America; these cover so much irrelevant material and can only be made up by us from the process cards; since there are no systematic "lists" however, Dr. Fisher said that whenever carbon copies of lists were available, he would have them provided.

The rumor you mentioned of a new Slavic Institute, according to Dr. Fisher, probably refers to general Hoover Library

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research plans in the Slavic and other fields, sponsored by Rockefeller, Carnegie and Brookings. "End products" of these have been promised as soon as ready and the first one resulting from the Carnegie study directed by Mr. Dan Lerner is enclosed herewith. Dr. Fisher did, however, add that the rumors you refer to may also include the planned "Area Study" for Army students at Monterey who formerly went to Columbia; this is under the Special Language section of the Army, directed from Washington by a Col. Hathaway; Dr. Fisher doubts that any "end-products" which you suggest would be forthcoming from this.

There has been also pending a request to Dr. Fisher from a Col. Aldrich, Assistant Commandant for Col. Barnhall, Commandant at the Presidio asking if the one-year Russian area study program of the Army Intelligence school could not be undertaken by Hoover Library. Dr. Fisher suggested a long time ago that some of their personnel may be made available to us for raw research, if desired. I am not certain what connection there is between these two army programs, if any, nor do I believe the plans have further materialized.

With regard to Mr. Krassovsky's listing of items for us, a regular arrangement has not yet been effected; I hesitated setting up too regular a procedure with him until details of the new shift in administration were ironed out. However, I dropped him a line saying we were still interested in his listings. As I recall, he will be up this way soon and we will discuss the matter then again--unless you notify me otherwise.

Concerning our research activity, we are still working on the subject assigned by Capt. Frankel--as we gathered from Gen. Wright's letter of 5 May 1948. We have more carded material ready for sending but would like to know who now has our previously submitted carded items and to whom further material should be sent.

Mr. Woodring called this morning as per Col. Philp's letter, and he will be down to see us in the morning.

The enclosed Hoover Library study on Russia and the clipping may be of interest to other branches also; at any rate I believe would like to see them.

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beginning next week I shall be putting in two weeks of
naval reserve communication training duty in San Francisco,
Federal Building, but will commute from here and will be in
touch with [redacted] each night.

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Sincerely,

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